

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 14 and 16-36 are pending in the present application, claims 10-13 having been cancelled without prejudice herein. The Office Action and cited references have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that claims 1-8, 14 and 16-36 were allowed. The only remaining rejected claims were claims 10-13. Applicant has cancelled these claims without prejudice to file same in a divisional application, which will be filed on even date herewith. Accordingly, the rejections remaining are moot and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

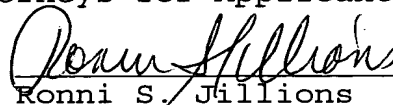
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions he is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-628-5197.

Respectfully submitted,

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